GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:93
ANSWERED ON:23.10.2008
IMPACT OF GLOBAL WARMING ON HERITAGE MONUMENTS
Chaliha Shri Kirip

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Monuments Fund has in its Report commented upon the adverse impact of global warming on India's heritage sites like the Jantar Mantar Observatory at Jaipur, the heritage buildings in Srinagar and Old Leh town, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take action to conserve the above mentioned heritage sites in the country;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 93 FOR 23.10.2008

(a) &(b) The World Monuments Fund (WMF) has compiled its World Monuments Watch List, 2008 of 100 Most Endangered Sites around the world that are threatened by a variety of factors such as weathering, neglect, vandalism, armed conflict, climate change, natural disasters etc. According to the WMF website, the List includes the following sites in India:
1.Amber Town, Rajasthan
2.Chettinad, Tamil Nadu
3.Jantar Mantar, Jaipur
4.Leh Old Town, Ladakh
5.Srinagar Heritage Zone

(c)to (e) The centrally protected monuments of ASI in Amber Town, Rajasthan, Chettinad, Tamil Nadu, Leh Old Town and Srinagar Heritage Zone, J&K are in a good state of preservation.